

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES,

DECEMBER 14, 1820.

MR. WILSON, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of Eliza Dill, Jane Jervis, and Louisa St. Clair Robb, daughters of the late General Arthur St. Clair,

REPORTED:

That the memorialists have submitted no documents to the Senate, nor to the committee, in support of their application; nor have they stated the amount of their claim. They have only made a general reference to the services rendered, and moneys advanced, by their father, during the Revolutionary war, as the foundation of that claim, and to documents supposed to be on the files of Congress, for the evidence in its support.

The committee have deemed it unnecessary to search for the documents alluded to, from a knowledge, that on the first of May, 1810, an act was passed by Congress, authorizing the payment of two thousand dollars to General St. Clair, provided, he should previously "sign a release of all claim for further remuneration from the government, for services rendered, or money advanced by him, during the Revolutionary war. This release was accordingly given, and the money thereupon paid.

This act, the committee are bound to presume, was not passed by Congress without due investigation and deliberation; and would not have been acquiesced in by General St. Clair, unless he considered it substantially just; and they therefore regard it as final and conclusive against all claims on account of the services and advances of the deceased.

The statute book of the United States also shews, that, on the 9th of March, 1818, Congress passed an act granting a pension of sixty dollars a month to General St. Clair, to commence on the 4th of March, 1817.

Under these circumstances, the committee are of opinion, that it is not expedient to go into a new examination and adjustment of the accounts of General St. Clair; and, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted.

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 14, 1880.

Mr. Wilson, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of William H. Hall, Jane Jarvis, and James St. Clair, petitioners of the late General Arthur St. Clair.

REPORT.

That the memorialists have submitted no documents to the Senate nor to the committee in support of their application; nor have they stated the amount of their claim. They have only made a general reference to the services rendered, and money advanced by their father, during the Revolutionary war, as the foundation of their claim, and no documents appeared to be on the files of Congress, for the evidence in its support.

The committee have deemed it unnecessary to search for the documents alluded to, from a knowledge, that on the first of May, 1810, an act was passed by Congress, authorizing the payment of the then said dollars to General St. Clair, provided he should previously "sign a release of all claim for further remuneration from the government for services rendered, or money advanced by him, during the Revolutionary war. This release was accordingly given, and the money thereupon paid.

This act, the committee are bound to presume, was not passed by Congress without due investigation and deliberation; and would not have been acquiesced in by General St. Clair, unless he considered it substantially just; and they therefore regard it as final and conclusive against all claims on account of the services and advances of the deceased.

The statute book of the United States also shows, that on the 25th of March, 1818, Congress passed an act granting a pension of sixty dollars a month to General St. Clair, to commence on the 25th of March, 1817.

Under these circumstances, the committee are of opinion, that it is not expedient to go into a new examination and adjustment of the account of General St. Clair; and therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted.